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**NCBC Gulfport RAB Meeting
Naval Construction Battalion Center
Gulfport, Mississippi
June 7, 2001**

Gulfport, Mississippi

The following members of the Restoration Advisory Board met in the Building 1 Conference Room at the Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport, Mississippi on March 6, 2001:

Gordon Crane
Ron Schmidtling
Joyce Shaw

Nancy Rouse attended to lend administrative support. Mike Hawkins of AFCEE attended as a representative of the Air Force and Cherie Schulz attended as an interested community member.

Welcome:

Gordon Crane opened the meeting at 6:30 P.M. The agenda was rearranged to accommodate rainy weather. The site tour was postponed until after the business meeting was completed.

Agreed Order and Installation Restoration Program (AO/IR) Update: Gordon Crane presented the following information as part of the AO/IR Update.

Voluntary Cleanup Program: A Brownfields Program is being initiated for two off-site properties where dioxin was found. The remaining details for submission of the application and fee will be discussed at a meeting planned for June 13, 2001. A third site will be cleaned up under MDEQ's voluntary cleanup. Cleanup on a parcel of privately owned property will begin later this month.

Biological Monitoring: The biological monitoring program is being finalized. The report is currently in review by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

Remediation of Site 8: Remediation activities at Site 8 currently in progress include a Focused Feasibility Study (FFS) and a Treatability Study. These studies will be followed by a Proposed Plan that will summarize the findings of the FFS and present a preferred cleanup option. The status of each of these activities follows:

- **Treatability Study:** This study is a follow on to the Bench-Scale Test that showed that 5 to 10% cement kiln dust could be used to stabilize the soil at the site. The Treatability Study is now in the Pilot-Scale phase in which a full-scale test cell will be built to work out the design details for the proposed remedy.
- The FFS is currently in preparation by Tetra Tech.
- The Proposed Plan will be completed by SAIC, a contractor to the Air Force. The Air Force, with SAIC support, will be presenting the results of the proposed plan to the community at a public meeting that will be held at the beginning of the public comment period.

Site 10: This site started out as a simple cleanup project that was complicated by a long period of unrelenting rain. The simple dig-and-haul exercise was slowed down as the field workers were required to pump out excess water that then needed to be treated as a hazardous waste. The water was then to be filtered prior to disposal. However, the soil particles were so small that they flowed easily through the sieve. Work stopped as the appropriate sieve size was determined.

Site 7: An Expanded Site Investigation (ESI) will be performed to study the dichloromethane and dioxin findings. As stated earlier, dioxin is not expected to be found in future studies, therefore future studies are being moved from the Agreed Order work (which is focused on contaminated related to the storage of Herbicide Orange) to the Installation Restoration Program where the findings will be further investigated.

Site 6: A bioslurper is being considered for use at Site 6 to improve the efficiency of product removal. The bioslurper will be free of cost to the Seabee Center, except for the costs of installation and operation.

Sites 5: Investigations at this site will include the use of ground penetrating radar (GPR) to look for buried drums. Field work on this site begins this summer.

Conclusion

The RAB voted to change the meetings back to the first Thursdays of the month.

Ways of involving the RAB more in the day-to-day activities of the cleanup action were discussed. It was decided that the RAB would be invited to see the activities as they happen on base. One point of interest might be the set up of the cells and the start of the pilot scale study.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40.